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Millinery Opening Friday - - Saturday March 24 and 25 Mississippi Store



WE will place on display the greatest line of Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats it has ever been our pleasure to display.

Mrs. Pearl James will be in charge of the department this season and she will be pleased to show you the new 1911 creations. Mrs. James comes to us highly recommended and we assure you she will meet the most exacting taste.

We have quite a line of Pattern Hats direct from Paris and New York and we can give you exact models which will be worn in the larger cities of the world this spring and summer.

In addition to our line of Hats we have a large stock of NEW SPRING GOODS of every description on display; come, let us show you

MISSISSIPPI STORE, Decatur, Tex

Paradisé

March 14.--Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald returned home Monday from an extended visit with her daughter in Walters, Okla.

Quite a crowd from here are attending the stock show in Ft. Worth this week.

Rev. Mathews filled his regular appointment at the First Christian church here Sunday.

W. H. Fitzgerald left Wednesday for Mineral Wells to attend the W. O. W. lodge there.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Jay of Chico are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ramsdale, of Decatur, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Prof. Perrin spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks near Decatur.

Messrs. Joe and Edward Stutt attended the stock show at Ft. Worth from Tuesday until Thursday.

Parks Reed was in Fort Worth Sunday.

Aubron Barnett, of Bridgeport, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Our singing class meets every second and fourth Sunday evening. Everybody is invited to come and assist in the singing.

J. P. Williams, of Decatur, was here Sunday.

Decatur High is Winner

The N. T. S. N. basket ball team lost its first game of the season Saturday afternoon at the college campus. Decatur High, which had been counted on as an easy victory, won from the husky Normalities 17 to 16. The normal players seemed so confident of an easy game that they played an exceptionally bad day, and missing many easy chances to score. The Normal team will play the strong Polytechnic team here next Saturday and on the following Monday will go to Decatur for another game with Decatur High.—Denton Chronicle.

From the above it is noticed the Denton people were surprised at the work of the Decatur boys. Lindley started in throwing 5-field goals. Shulkey went in the second half as guard and did not allow his man to goal. Man's excellent guarding is shown by the fact that his opponent did not make a score.

The Denton State Normal team comes here next Monday, March 20th for a game with Decatur high school. The teams seem evenly matched and the contest will be a good one.

It is reported from Denton that over 150 normal students are coming thru in autos to root for the normal team.

Resolution of Respect

Whereas, the Supreme Ruler of the universe has removed from our midst our beloved friend and brother Praetorian, Rev. N. W. Halcomb and,

Whereas, his death is a great loss to this order, of which he was an honored member and in which he has worked many years; also to the cause of religion and morals in the state in which he was always zealous, and,

Whereas, the great purpose of our order is the comforting and aiding of the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, therefore, be it,

Resolved, that we deeply deplore the end of so noble and useful a life, yet bow in humble submission to the holy decree of the All-wise Creator; that we extend sincere condolence to the widow and son of our Brother Halcomb, assuring them of our heart-felt sympathy in this, their darkest hour of sorrow. We pray God's richest blessings upon them, and trust the glory of His love may prove an all-sufficient light as they pass through the shadows.

Resolved, further, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, and one given the Praetorian Guard and the Decatur papers for publication.

J. L. DAVIDSON,
K. D. THOMAS,
C. C. JONES,
M. B. SMITH.

Greenwood

Dr. Parris has returned from Ft. Worth where he purchased an auto. Riley's new ware-house is nearing completion.

Miss Pearl Wheelock has returned from Slidell where she visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bent Woods visited Mrs. Woods' parents south of Decatur Sunday.

Miss Fay Roberts is visiting relatives in Greenwood this week.

Mrs. Tom Wallace is still quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. James, who has been spending the winter in Walde, Texas, are spending a few days with relatives here.

Misses Ruth Watson and Eunice Turner spent a few days with friends in Greenwood.

Miss Willie Hall who has been teaching at Boonville is at home quite sick with slow fever.

Miss Mallie Wheelock, who has been teaching music at Boonville is at home.

Several of the Greenwood people are attending the stock show at Ft. Worth. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. T. Milligan, Mr. Wick Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Cowen, Mr. and Mrs. Coke Loyd.

Mrs. Maggie Rayborn visited home folks in Raston Sunday.

Col. Cliff Cates Returns to Old Stamping Grounds

Clifford Donahue Cates, farmer and newspaper contributor by occupation, but who was recently led astray by a clerkship in the state senate, is back among us, returning Tuesday night. "Bill" (named after Bill Sterret by the Messenger) looks like a real live legislator owing to his evil associations in Austin, but we hope that a few days round about his old stamping grounds will bring him back to his old time feelings and looks. We need him to take up the work of boosting that creamery proposition.

Union Day at Shady Grove

In pursuant to the call of National President C. S. Barrett of Union City, Ga., for Feb. 22, to be farmer's union day throughout the United States. The Shady Grove Union met and a nice program was rendered in the forenoon by our much esteemed teacher, Miss Rosie Young, and pupils in celebration of Washington's birthday. Supt. Dave Simpson gave the children a grand lecture on truth and honesty. A good dinner was served to all those present and a most pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Slayer of Brown is Pardoned by Colquitt

Bud Ham, who was convicted in our district court about four years ago and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of twenty years for killing old man Brown at Alvord, has been set at liberty by Gov. Colquitt. The trial of Ham drew large crowds to the court room and several days were required to wind up the case. After a short deliberation the jury brought in a verdict. The evidence in the case was at times of a sensational character. Friends and relatives of Ham, assisted by attorneys, have been at work some time on the pardon. The pardoning of Ham was a surprise to the people who are familiar with the case. Ham has returned to his home in Alvord.

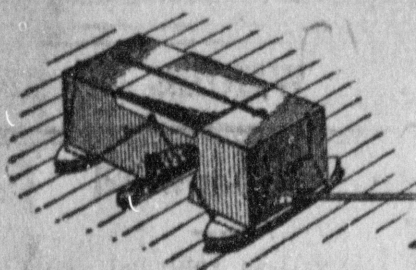
Ask Senators to Resign

Rosamond, Ill., March 14.—The Anti-Horse Thief Association of Rosamond today passed resolutions condemning Senators Cullom and Lorimer, stating they were a menace to the good government of Illinois and of the nation. The senators were asked to vacate their seats in the upper house of congress.

The stock yards fire loss Tuesday will amount to about \$400,000.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEW

Machine For Scrubbing
Oiling Floors.



In order to provide a more convenient method of scrubbing floors than the back breaking operation that now prevails an inventor has improvised a scrubbing machine which consists of a pair of scrubbing brushes secured to a long handle and supporting a receptacle for water. A valve is provided at one side, which may be operated by the foot to regulate the feed of the water. If desired the brushes may be removed and replaced with rubbing or polishing devices, and the reservoir may be filled with oil if it be desired to oil the floor.—Scientific American.

The Home Doctor.

Do not keep the soiled clothes receptacle in the sleeping room.

To remove warts and moles, touch them with muriate of ammonia.

Very hot water will stop dangerous bleeding if applied to a wound.

Scars can be lessened by nightly rubbing them with cocoa butter or almond oil.

A glass of hot water before breakfast is a laxative and tones up the system.

To prevent discoloration of a bruised spot, apply absorbent cotton soaked in olive oil.

Yellow dock, root or leaves, steeped in vinegar will, it is said, cure the worst cases of ringworm.

Corn Dodgers.

Pour enough boiling water on two cups of white cornmeal to moisten the meal, but not to make it sloppy; about one cup is generally enough. Add a rounding teaspoonful of sugar and a saltspoonful of salt. Mix in three tablespoonfuls of milk and let it cool. Beat the yolks of two eggs until very light, add to the batter and last the whites beaten stiff and dry. Have the popover pans heated very hot and buttered; put a spoonful of the batter in each and set in the oven until they are browned.

Green Pepper Catchup.

Fill a porcelain lined kettle with hot green peppers, add to them four large onions, sliced, and a tablespoonful each of cracked mace, allspice and cloves. Mix well together, fill the kettle with good vinegar and boil until the peppers are so soft that they mash readily. When cool take up the catchup by the ladleful, pour through a sieve and rub the catchup through the back of a spoon until nothing remains in the sieve but skin and seeds. Bottle and cork tightly. It need not be sealed.

A Sewing Hint.

One of the most difficult things about sewing on hooks and eyes is to do it so the thread does not show on the right side of the garment. If the hem where the fastenings go is narrow, slip a piece of whalebone into it, sew on the hooks and eyes and then take the whalebone out. If the hem is wider than the whalebone, cut a heavy piece of cardboard the proper width and slip that in. This is a very simple way and saves one a great deal of time in sewing.

Combination Salad.

Line a salad bowl with lettuce leaves. With a sharp pair of scissors shred two or three lettuce leaves and put them in the center of the bowl. On these place a layer of radishes peeled and minced, on these a layer of minced onions, then a layer of peeled and sliced tomatoes, and on these a stratum of thinly sliced cucumbers that have lain in iced salt water for ten minutes. Cover with a shredded lettuce leaf and pour French dressing over all.

Blacksmiths in Chile.

The blacksmith in Chile has no forge or bellows, but beats the cold iron into the shape of a horseshoe.

Both Alike.

Robert, aged four, is the center of an admiring household, which includes grandmother and a baby sister. One morning at the breakfast table the boy seemed to be deeply meditating about something.

"What's on your mind, son?" asked his father.

"I was just thinking about grandma and baby," the lad replied. "You tell me that baby's teeth are coming in and that grandma's teeth are coming out, and, as far as I can see, both of their mouths look alike to me."—Youngstown Telegram.

A Tribute

Having read the unexpected news of the death of N. W. Halcomb, we are impressed to add a word of eulogy to this good man.

We have known him since childhood, he being a partner with my father in the publication of the Wise County Messenger for a number of years, and remember him as the highest type of a Christian gentleman, a man to have known intimate would influence your life for good. The world would profit if men like this were greater in number.

By his death the Baptist church loses a faithful worker, one who has served them as choir leader, pastor and missionary to the foreign fields. To his wife and son we extend our sympathy.

MISS NELL DALE MCKEEHAN
Wichita Falls, March 15, 1911

THIS IS CERTAIN

The Proof That Decatur Readers Cannot Deny

What could furnish stronger evidence of the efficiency of any remedy than the test of time? Thousand of people testify that Doan's Kidney Pills cure permanently.

Home endorsement should prove undoubtedly the merit of this remedy. Years ago your friends and neighbors testified to the relief they had derived from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. They now confirm their testimonials. They say time has completed the test.

Mrs. L. A. Ward, of Decatur, Texas, says: "I am still willing to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, though it is over three years since I gave a public statement in their favor. For some time I had a constant backache, dizzy spells were common and I was much run down in health. A kidney weakness also gave me great annoyance. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Gunn's Drug Store, went at once to the seat of my trouble and after using them a short time, my kidneys were greatly strengthened. I have advised the use of this remedy to many other kidney sufferers."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

THE WEREWOLVES.

Fantastic Story of a Sixteenth Century Tragedy.

John of Nuremberg relates how a man, lost at night in a strange country, directed his steps toward a fire that he saw before him. On reaching it he found a wolf sitting enjoying its warmth and was informed by him that he was really as human as himself, but that he was compelled for a certain number of years, like all his countrymen, to assume the shape of a wolf.

A strange country, indeed, where wolves when the evenings grow chilly light a fire and in the comfort of its ruddy glow are found ready to entertain the passing traveler with their conversation!

Olaus Magnus in the early part of the sixteenth century tells us a story of a nobleman and his retinue who lost their way in journeying through a wild forest and presently found themselves hopelessly foodless and shelterless. In the urgency of their need one of the servants disclosed to him in confidence that he had the power of turning himself at will into a wolf and doubted not but that, if his master would kindly excuse him for a while, he would be able to find the party some provision. Permission being given, the man disappeared into the forest under semblance of a wolf and very quickly returned with a lamb in his mouth and then, having fulfilled his mission, resumed his human form.

In Auvergne in 1588 a nobleman in returning from the chase was stopped by a stranger, who told him that he had been furiously attacked by a savage wolf, but had been fortunate enough to save himself by slashing off one of his fore paws. This he produced as a trophy, when, to the astonishment of both, it was found to have become the delicate hand of a lady. The nobleman felt so sure that he recognized a ring upon it that he hurried to the castle and there found his wife sitting with her arm tied up, and on removing the wrappers the hand was missing. She had to stand her trial as a loup-garou and, being convicted, perished at the stake.—Hulme's "Lore and Legend."

London's Lord Mayor's Show.

The lord mayor's show is generally held to have been instituted by Sir John Norman, who held office in 1453.

JUST LANDED

OUR buyer has just landed from the Eastern market where he purchased the biggest and best assortment of Spring Goods we have ever had in our Dress Goods department. You can shut your eyes and pick; any one pattern will look the swellest ever when made up into a new suit. A part of our new goods are now on the shelves, and others arriving on every freight and express. We have just received 35 cases of shoes and oxfords and have more coming, and it will only be a matter of a few days until every department will be complete. Right now is the time to find out what store is entitled to your trade by reason of superior values. Right now is the time we want you to call and inspect our lines. We will take pleasure in showing you our goods, and when once you see them, they are salesmen enough.

Silver Tissue

A nice assortment and in all the leading colors; black, white, brown lavender, old rose and pink; all well selected; price.....20c

Marquisett

We have some choice waists patterns in Marquisett; brown, black and pink at 39c to.....\$1.25

Silks

We have the choicest line of wash silks we have ever carried, and in all the latest colors—lavender, blue, pink black, white, gray cream and champaign, all new and up to the moment, and think of it, per yard only.....48c

Voiles

A nice selection of plain and fancy voiles; all colors; regular price 50c, they go at per yard 35c Silk Mohair and Mercerized Pongee in green, blue, pink, lavender and champaign, worth 25c per yard, it goes at.....28c Printed quadrille all colors, stripes and plaids; while it lasts at....30c

Ladie's Ready-to-Wear Goods

Our ready-to-wear department is going to be complete. We have decidedly the nicest line of skirts we have ever had, and in the latest weave and cut in latest style—and wash skirts, all styles, colors and prices to suit.

Shoes & Oxfords



ASK TO SEE THIS NEW STYLE

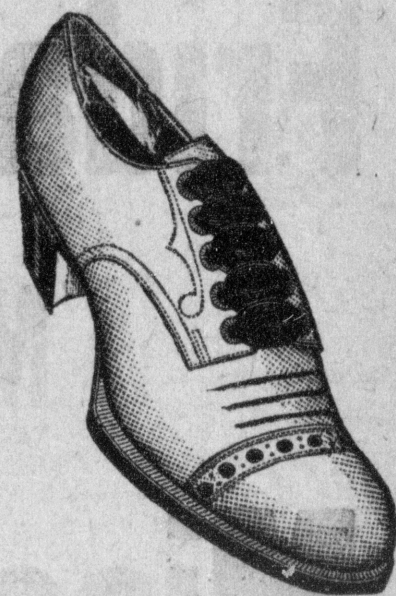
It's a ladies' patent leather, dull collar, three-button oxford, with a plain toe. A very striking oxford, stylish, smart and thoroughly comfortable. It is but one of our many new numbers in

American Lady
OXFORDS

You must certainly see this oxford as well as our many others, which cover a wide range of new styles and leathers. Why not come in today?

TELL YOUR NEIGHBOR

We have just received a large shipment of men's and ladies' oxfords; men's in Edwin Clapp and American Gentlemen, and have more coming which will make our shoe stock the most complete in the city. We have a number of different styles for you to select from. Patent leather in one, two, three and four strap; also a nice slipper in the velvet; a swell shoe for all occasions in a gun metal or a patent leather button—we have both; and we give you a shoe to fit the foot. Price from \$1.50 to.....\$4.50



Men's Oxfords—We have a nice assortment in men's oxfords, tie and button in patent, gun metal and tans. You can't afford to miss seeing this line of goods; from \$2.50 to.....\$6.50

Hats! Hats!!

We have a nice line of ready trimmed hats, and there is nothing cheap but the price. Come and expect our line.

Shirt Waists

We have just received a nice line of brand new shirts waists, all made in the latest styles; \$2.50 value.....\$1.50

Muslin Underwe'r

We have a nice assortment in this line at all prices.

Men's Straws

We have the completest line we have ever been able to get in this line; all new; we have the hat you have in mind.

We have many other things we would like to tell you about, but lack of space prevents us from doing so. We earnestly request you to come and inspect the many new things we have for your approval.

Bellah & Sons

The Store For All The People

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Nat Cartmell Plans a Trip Around World.



Nat J. Cartmell, the former Pennsylvania sprinter, who has been coaching the University of North Carolina track team, plans to take a trip around the world, starting next summer. He has been in correspondence with several foreign promoters and intends to run in England, South Africa and Australia. Match races are proposed with R. E. Walker in the Transvaal and Charles E. Holway in Australia. Cartmell, Walker and Holway claim the sprinting championship.

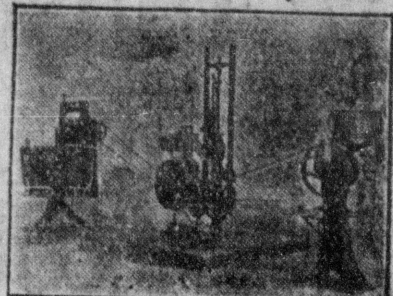
Harvard and Penn Get Together.
Relations between Harvard and Pennsylvania are rapidly becoming more and more cordial. Soccer, baseball and swimming are sports in which the two will meet this academic year, and before long, it is prophesied, football will be added to the list. When the teams do meet in football it will be the healing of a breach that has stood open for years.

The quarrel was over reported discourtesy to Pennsylvania in the matter of a reply to a request for a renewal of football contracts some years ago. It was always denied at Harvard that a post card printed with the team used in replying to minor colleges had been sent to Penn., and the chances are that it was not done, if at all, with an intention of insult.

We Want Every Farmer in This Community to Know All About This Wonderful FARM PUMP ENGINE and PORTABLE POWER PLANT

Crowds of farmers have visited our Exhibition Rooms just to see this wonderful Fuller & Johnson Farm Pump Engine about which they have read so much in their farm papers. We want EVERY farmer to come.

We show this engine doing the work just as it does on the farm. We have it hooked up with a force pump and demonstrate how it runs all kinds of hand power machinery. We show how it can be moved about with a wheelbarrow—how it can be attached to any pump in less than five minutes. How easy it is to start and stop—how much work it does on a small amount of gasoline.



Engine Running Washer, Separator and Pump

Works Like a Hired Man at Small Cost

The Farm Pump Engine is a perfect little wonder for work. Cold weather—even down to 40 below zero makes no difference with this Hired Man. It pumps water for house, barn or feed yard; runs the cream separator, churn, washer, feed grinder, etc., in a hurry.

Helps Women Folks

The little engine helps the women do the washing in less than one-fourth the usual time. Hooked up with the wood saw it will cut up the winter's fuel supply in a hurry.



Running Feeding Mill



Running Grindstone

Fuller & Johnson Farm Pump Engine

Pumps 400 to 1,000 Gallons Per Hour!

All the water you want—water at the right temperature, hot or cold—whenever and wherever you want it. The Farm Pump Engine costs less to run than a boiler, some tank heater and insures a reliable water supply for all the needs of the farm.

Just a word about the engine itself: It is as high grade in material and workmanship as best automobile engines. Is perfectly air cooled and self oiled. Cannot freeze or overheat. Tank holds day's fuel. Comes complete—all ready to bolt to pump and start to work. No "extras." No cement foundations or special platforms. Needs no belts, jacks, walking beam or traveling arms.

Bring the Family. See this wonderful little engine at work. Right now is the time you should get one of these engines. Costs less than a good windmill. Does ten times as much work. Be sure you see this engine next time you come to town.

Peninger, Helm & Dillehay

Adaptability.

A New York lawyer tells of an old and well to do farmer in Dutchess county who had something of a reputation as a litigant.

On one occasion this old chap made a trip to see his lawyers with reference to a lawsuit he intended to bring. He sat down with one of them and laid out his plan at great length. The lawyer said, "On that statement you have no case at all." The old fellow hitched his trousers nervously, twitched his face and hastily added: "Well, I can tell it another way."—*Brooklyn Life.*

OUR RIGHTS.

Our rights extend just to the place where others' rights begin and not an inch further. Before we begin to talk about them it is well for us to examine the boundary lines closely. The man who "stands upon his rights" is not always a pleasant or well poised figure; he often has one foot upon his neighbor's ground.

Messenger -- the Home Paper

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PERFECTION.

That his race—who would describe a favorite character as faultless—raises another at the expense of himself. Zeuxis made five virgins contribute their charms to his single picture of Helen, and it is as vain for the moralist to look for perfection in the mind as for the painter to expect to find it in the body.—*Colon.*

AT THE AUCTION.

Who Knocks Down Is Always Good Natured.

day. Peas have been sold from the front of the barn stand. The buyer, a merry, fluent, white-haired importation from Glasgow, was four miles away.

Auctioneer—Now, my good people, I have here in my hands a half sack of (laughter) what is this, George? (The multitude)—a half sack of beets. We have got a lot of dead beets up our noses (loud laughter), but these are live beets. Who wants 'em? Who'll give me a bid?

Auctioneer—Five cents!

Auctioneer—Five cents. Thank you. You ain't going to beat yourself on this, are you? (Laughter.) I'm offered 5 cents for this sack of beets. Who'll give me ten?

Old Man Hawkins (squealing)—Ten cents!

Auctioneer—Thank you, uncle. I'm offered 10 cents for this bag of beets, and they are not dead beets either. (General snicker.) Who'll give me fifteen? Fifteen?

Mrs. Bodders is about to bid fifteen, but doesn't decide quick enough, and the words are taken out of her mouth by Bill Hoover, who says loudly, "I'll give ye 15 cents!"

Auctioneer—Fifteen cents for a sack of beets and all live ones! Who'll make it twenty?

O. M. H.—Twenty!

Auctioneer—Twenty! Make it twenty-five!

H. Y.—Twenty-five!

Auctioneer (very much excited)—Twenty-five! Make it thirty!

H. Y. (still more excited)—Thirty!

Auctioneer (after the usual agony)—Sold to this gentleman for 30 cents. All good, aren't they, uncle?

H. Y. (opening bag)—Them ain't beets, them's carrots.

Auctioneer—So they are, uncle, so they are. Carrots are better than dead beets, ain't they? (General titter of approval. He proceeds to the next article and the next joke.)—R. L. Leigh in Puck.

Choice of Three.

"You'll have to do one of three things," declared the very portly conductor.

The ticketless passenger looked up insolently and said, "Well?"

"Show yer ticket, pay yer fare or git off," answered the very portly conductor.

The insolent passenger leaned out of the window.

"And you, too, my friend," he said seriously, "will have to do one of three things."

"Well?" queried the portly conductor confidently.

"Walk more," retorted the passenger, "eat less or bust!"

And by the time the fat conductor had recovered the train had left the station.—*Buffalo News.*

Out of Her Line.

"Mamma," said the young wife, "George is so irritable. He scolds nearly all the time."

"You must seem to humor him, Janet," counseled her mother. "Smooth his fur the right way. It's easy enough to trim his claws if you"—

"Trim his claws! Mamma, I'm so manicured!"—*Chicago Tribune.*

She Knew.

One day when Molly was about four years old she was sent to feed the pigs. When she came back she said, "That stuff isn't fit to give to pigs."

"How do you know?" asked her mother.

"Cause I tasted it!"—*Delineator.*

What They're Usually Called.

The Shade (crossing the Styx)—So you are called Charon, eh? Rather a romantic name for a boatman!

The Ferryman (pleased)—It certainly is some improvement on "Hey, Bill!" isn't it?—*Sunday Illustrated Magazine.*

On the Stage.

"We've got to get somebody to play this light part."

"Why not the electrician?"—*Baltimore American.*

Just So!

"What's a good thing for a black eye?"

"A plausible explanation."—*Boston Transcript.*

A Pair of Impossibles.



"Do you think any one man could ever read all the new books?"

"No more than could any one man drink all the liquors that are distilled."

Australian Smashes Daniels' Record.

Longworth, the New South Wales swimmer, recently clipped three and four-fifths seconds off C. M. Daniels' record for 1,320 yards, making the distance in 17 minutes 42 seconds. Daniels' record of 17 minutes 45 4-5 seconds was made in New York city Feb. 25, 1907, making sixty-five turns in a tank.

Longworth in the present competition finished twenty-five yards in front of Cecil Healy, the Australian holder of the amateur record for 100 yards in open water, and who in turn was one yard ahead of F. E. Beaupaire of Victoria, holder of the amateur record for 1,000 yards in open water.

Runs One Thousand Mile Contest.

Eugene Estoppey, champion long distance Marathon marver of the world, recently at Venice, Cal., finished the most remarkable endurance run in the history of the sport when he negotiated successfully the last mile in his 1,000 miles in a 1,000 hours' race.

Estoppey was picked from his feet and put on the shoulders of the mob that surged about him and paraded about the hall.

He began the race at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, Nov. 20, and finished Jan. 1. For a thousand hours he had been running at the beginning of every hour night and day, rain or shine, ill or well. He, ridiculed and discouraged, was persistent.

Many College Men on Athletics.

Connie Mack can come very near hitting an all college nine in the field, and it is doubtful if any team winning a championship has had so many college men in its lineup. First Baseman Harry Davis attended Girard college of Philadelphia in his early days; Jack Barry graduated from Holy Cross, where his work as shortstop attracted Manager Connie Mack; Second Baseman Eddie Collins played on the Columbia university nine; Pitcher Albert Bender halls from Carlisle Indian school; Jack Coombs went to Colby, Me.; Eddie Plank is from Gettysburg and Harry Krause from St. Mary's, California.

Michigan Names Track Dates.

Athletic Director Bartelme of the University of Michigan has given out the 1911 schedules for the Michigan track team. The indoor schedule includes Syracuse in Syracuse on March 10 and Cornell in Ann Arbor on March 25. The outdoor schedule follows: April 25, Pennsylvania relay games on Franklin field; May 13, Syracuse in Ann Arbor; May 19-20, interscholastic meet in Ann Arbor; May 27, eastern intercollegiate meet.

Observatory Without Telescopes.

The Carnegie observatory on Mount Wilson, in California, is of white canvas, like some huge ark. You look for telescopes inside, but in vain; a series of mirrors appear instead, and it is the third of these that does the magnifying instead of the usual telescope tube. Visitors are accommodated in chalets, a little house being apportioned to each guest. Observations have been carried on since April, 1904, and every day a photoheliograph is taken and several other pictures by means of the spectroheliogram.—*London Globe.*

United States Vessels Not in the Navy.

Considerably less than half the boats belonging to the United States government are a part of the navy. The war department controls a greater number of craft of all kinds than is found on the navy lists, while the departments of the treasury, commerce and labor and agriculture all have fleets under their jurisdiction. According to the latest government figures, there are but 340 vessels flying the naval pennant.—*Popular Mechanics.*

A Big Item.

Hewitt—How do you account for this increased cost of living?

Jewett—A few years ago we didn't have to spend a dollar a day for souvenir postal cards to send to our relatives and friends.—*New York Press.*

The Sardonic Person.

"Are you interested in literature?" asked the sardonic person.

"Why, I have devoted much of my fortune to building libraries."

"That isn't literature. That's architecture."—*Washington Star.*

A Good Provider.

"Is he a good provider?"

"I should say he is. He keeps his wife busy over a hot stove every day cooking the stuff he provides."—*Detroit Free Press.*

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DICK COLLINS,
MARVIN B. SMITH.

Editors and Proprietors

Friday, March 17, 1911.

PUBLISHERS' NOTICE

Mr. T. L. Ball at the postoffice, will take pleasure in supplying each subscriber with a copy of the TEXAS ALMANAC free of charge. This offer is to all new subscribers as well as renewals. Take advantage of this offer now. THE MESSENGER.

After Diaz, what?

Twenty thousand United States soldiers are now on the border, watching the war plays in Mexico.

The farmers who were looking for the passage of that parcels post law are wondering about the whys and wherefores.

Colonel Burk Burnett and 99 other Fort Worth colonels and colonettes entertained Colonel Teddy Roosevelt with a dinner at the Westbrook.

The Messenger is for prohibition, against graft and Lorimer and for the admission of Arizona. If this is treason, all well and good.

When informed of Congressman Randall's announcement for the United States senate, Senator Bailey remarked, "Say that I just smiled." Now comes a Messenger subscriber and cites us Proverbs 18-12.

Colquitt and his bunch of hired boosters never overlook a chance to lambast Tom Campbell and belittle his efforts in the interest of the common herd. Campbell is not a politician of the Colquitt type. Campbell is big and broad, a true specimen of the Jim Hogg character of man.

We are not personally acquainted with Congressman Randall, the aspiring candidate for the senate, but the people in his district seem to think well of him; so we are not going to believe the man to be the intellectual tom-tit, physical freak and hardened, red eyed criminal the Ft. Worth Record will paint him before his campaign is thirty days old.

If Arizona wants the recall, initiative and referendum, let her have them. She is clearly within her state's rights, and by our figurin', so long as she has not violated any of the national injunctions in seeking admission to the union, and has come up squarely with all requirements laid down by the constitution, we have no right to interfere.

The poultry possibilities of Texas are now recognized as never before, and the tide of industrial endeavor is running in the direction of their development with a strength that is very gratifying to witness and which indicates that Texas in the near future will find in them as great a source of wealth as the states that now stand at the head of the column in poultry production.

Congressman S. B. Randall, representing the 4th district in the lower house of the national congress, has announced that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator J. W. Bailey. The gentlemen disagree widely upon numerous questions of national import, and much fun, fury and feathers may be anticipated when the campaign gets going good.

According to the ruling of Gov. Colquitt the law requiring bar rooms to remain closed from 7 p. m., until 6 p. m., is unconstitutional. If "Little Oscar" is right, then the present law requiring dram shops to close at 12 o'clock at night is contrary to the constitution, and all his campaign talk about restricting legislation regarding saloons was buncombe and bosh. Well, on with the fracas; and O. B. had better do his do now, for it is his last term as governor of this state.

Her Summing Up.

Ella—How do you figure him out? Stella—He is nothing but a hot air shaft.—New York Press.

PEACE, GENTLEMEN, PEACE.

Why all this hurrah over the "resignation" of Senator Bailey? Why the jubilation of the senator's enemies, and the sadness depicted on the faces of his friends when the report became current that he had tendered his commission to vice-President Sherman? Why, fellow democrats, Senator Bailey could not resign his office by sending up to the vice-president his desire to quit. The vice-president of the United States has no more authority to accept the resignation of a senator than you have; the law will not permit the ruling officer of the senate to accept the resignations of senators. The governor of Texas has the sole right to act in such matters, and you can search the record from the middle both ways, and from end to end, and you will not find where Senator Bailey tendered his resignation to the governor.

So, in the interest of peace, that sweet peace mentioned in Holy Writ, and for the safety of the lame, the halt and the blind who may be caught in the jam, stop your pushing!

Texas land is the cheapest land in the world today considering its productive capacity; but its value is steadily increasing, and the opportunities for land investment are growing less and less as the state develops. Homeseekers from the older states and from Europe have been pouring into Texas as never before in the history of the state during the past year, and the idle lands are gradually becoming settled up and the matter of procuring a home in Texas is easier now than will be the case in a few years.

What'll is the matter? When Oklahoma applied for admission into the union we threw up our old wool hat and howled ourselves hoarse; yet, when Arizona comes seeking admission, carrying practically the same constitution, we raise our voices to an alarming high pitch and yell populism and anarchy. The times are out of joint, fellow democrats, when such blatant inconsistency is recognized in the party, and it is high time we were examining the records and finding out who is who and why. And the Messenger is becoming tired and disgusted with the work of continually apologizing and defending such rank demagogery and inconsistency on the part of our great leaders.

The human race gets its clothing from cotton and wool and Texas is a world's factor in both these products. We produce twenty per cent of the cotton supply of the world and are in the front rank of states on wool production. The world's supply and consumption of textiles is therefore of interest to every citizen in Texas as the future prosperity of our state must depend largely upon our development of these lines of industry.

It is claimed that Cofer of Gainesville and Vaughan of Texarkana were the Sauls of the state senate. They ran affairs to their own liking, except when the Bailey issue was involved—then the wheels of legislation became clogged.

Fifteen thousand nine hundred pounds, or seven and one half tons of fish was shipped this week from Brownsville to northern markets. The fish and oyster industry is assuming increasing importance in Texas, and with the modern methods of packing and shipping, the products of this industry find their way to distant markets in good condition and command the highest prices.

To Make Him Happy.

Old Peterby is rich and stingy. In the event of his death his nephew is to inherit his property. A friend of the family said to the old gentleman: "I hear your nephew is going to marry. On that occasion you ought to do something to make him happy."

"I will," said Mr. Peterby; "I'll pretend that I am dangerously ill."—London Telegraph.

Twenty Years Ago

From Messenger Files of 1891

March 28.—Lewis Means is a candidate for mayor of Decatur.

Forty-five bales of cotton burned at the Abbott cottonyard Tuesday morning; the cotton belonged to Dallas and Denton parties.

Heck Miller has returned from Chicago, where he has been in the interest of his window sash fastener.

John Lewis and family have moved to Ennis.

S. G. Kendall announces for mayor

John Shanker fell off a freight car at Heurietta last week and had one arm and a part of one foot crushed off by the wheels of the car.

Money is being raised to enlarge the Methodist church.

Guinn Williams has finished his school and is keeping books for the firm of Ford, Weakly & Johnston.

A Methodist parsonage is talked of for Rhome.

Sam Blalock is a candidate for alderman from ward 3.

Frank C. Allen of Cincinnati, O., has purchased the Houts ranch of 2,700 acres six miles southeast of the city for the sum of \$22,500; he has also purchased the Bussey pasture of 3,000 acres west of the city, and in a short time will stock both ranches with fine cattle.

Dick Cargill is Converted at Meeting in Frederick

The following is taken from the Frederick, Okla., Daily Enterprise of 13th inst., and will no doubt be of much interest to the numerous friends of Dick Cargill, who was born and reared in Decatur: "Last night when the song service was at its highest and the enthusiasm was great Mr. Phillips related an incident that happened in Philadelphia while he was with Dr. Chapman. He told how he had gotten interested in a man and prayed and worked for his salvation, but he quit the meeting and left the city, only to get more deeply under conviction and returned to the city and was wonderfully saved. Then Mr. Phillips sang as a solo the old song 'Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight.' Hearts were melted and eyes were filled with tears and he sang this pathetic old song in a tender and touching voice, he said 'Now, boys, don't go on breaking your old mother's heart, while perhaps tonight she is back at the old home on her knees at this very hour praying for you.' When he sang the last verse there were many tear dimmed eyes in the great crowd. Then Dr. McIntosh stepped on the platform and said, 'I am going to make a proposition to all the backsliders and unsaved people who will come out openly and confess Christ. I want you to come give me your hand and say so by doing this.' He had hardly stated his proposition when Dick Cargill, one of the worldly men of the town, sprang to his feet and said 'I am a backslider, that means me, and I'll go.' So he did, and the way he went, and the way he looked, felt and worked after that, made the hardest men in the great audience tremble from head to foot, and many of them came forward to confess Christ. This service brought the number of converts up to 535. The way Dick Cargill went to work among his friends was enough to make the angels in heaven rejoice and eternity alone will tell the great work that was done by the faithful evangelist, pastor and people."

Want Senator Bailey as Witness in Illinois

Springfield, Ill., March 11.—State's Attorney Burke today obtained a subpoena duces tecum for United States Senator, Joseph W. Bailey of Texas summoning him as a witness in a case against State Senator Jno. J. Broderick of Chicago, who is charged by former State Senator David H. Holstlaw with paying him \$3,500 in 1909 in Broderick's saloon in Chicago for Holstlaw's vote for Lorimer for United States senator. Holstlaw produced a deposit slip for that amount on the state bank of Chicago, in which bank he said he said he deposited the money.

The deposit slip was taken to Washington by the sub-committee investigating Lorimer's election and the last knowledge of the whereabouts of the slip was when Senator Bailey held it in his hand during his speech in the senate in defense of Lorimer and denounced it as a forgery.

Bailey's explanation was that while he was addressing the senate some one took the slip from his hand and that he cannot remember who it was. Broderick's case is set for trial Monday, March 20.

THE REAL CLOWNS OF LIFE Are Those Without A BANK ACCOUNT



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THE Clowns of life are those who always thought it funny to spend all they made and still think it funny that they can't get ahead; and they will always be funny till they cease to be clowns and start a bank account.

The First National Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS

Loans - Loans - Loans

Let us make your farm Loan. We make best terms and rates reasonable. No delays with us. We make our own examinations. See us now.

GOSE BROS.

.....Coming.....

Gulf Coast Carnival Co.

April 10th to 15th

Ten shows, Merry-go-round, Mammoth Ferris Wheel. Band concert every afternoon and night. Two big free attractions.

Everybody Invited

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Sincerely yours,
C. B. Simmons.
L. H. Reeves.

"Yet."

"Are you married yet, old chap?"
"Yet? Of course I am. Did you think I had been getting a divorce?"

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Insurance,
Real Estate,
Money to Loan.

"A SQUARE DEAL" IS MY MOTTO

Try me. Office in court house

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from jealousy—La Bruyere.
of thought from contempt of others.
ance, from stupidity, from distraction
of what is due to others, from ignorance
—from foolish vanity, from ignorance
from one bad quality, but from several
Discourtesy does not spring merely
from jealousy—La Bruyere.

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

Arrive at Decatur

NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
No. 3—9:12 a. m.	No. 8—5:08 a. m.
No. 1—11:00 a. m.	No. 6—6:20 a. m.
No. 5—8:32 p. m.	No. 2—4:34 p. m.
No. 7—11:52 p. m.	No. 4—3:24 p. m.

News of Town and County

Messenger one year for \$1.00.

Lee McConnell is visiting in Mineral Wells.

If your farm is for sale list it with J. E. Boyd.

Edward Blythe was a Fort Worth visitor Sunday.

Lois Lively left Sunday for Dallas to accept a position.

Fresh bread and hot rolls every day at the City Bakery.

Constable Buck Riley was here from Bridgeport Monday.

Ed Neely attended the Woodman convention at Mineral Wells.

Fresh chocolate candies 5c to 75c per box. Ford & Thomason.

Miss Ethel Burgess of Itasca, is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Collins.

Smoke with us; only cigars of quality sold. Ford & Thomason.

See the new line of pictures at the Majestic Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. J. H. Bell, of Butte, Neb., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milligan.

Mrs. Roy Brite and child, of Fort Worth, are visiting relatives in the city.

Tom Vastine and wife have returned from a visit to relatives in Bowie.

Money to loan on farm lands, see J. E. Boyd.

Miss Beulah Sampler of Greenwood is the guest of Miss Jessye Vandiver.

Postmaster Tom Ball is adding several rooms to his dwelling on west Walnut street.

W. C. Vastine, the tailor, meets all competition and guarantees satisfaction.

Both telephone exchanges are issuing new directories, which will be ready for distribution in a few days.

The Joe Bailey ball team last Saturday defeated a college team by the score of 7 to 3.

Rex Sullivan arrived home from Terrell Monday night. He has been attending the Wesley school.

Misses Thusa and Kate Read, of Ft. Worth, came up Wednesday to visit their brother, Kenith, who was very ill.

Dr. Reeves, one of our local admirers of good stock, attended the stock show at Fort Worth Wednesday.

Womans Home Mission society will hold their social meeting at the residence of Mrs. Ragsdale, Monday March 20.

Miss Willie Hollomen, who is the guest of Mrs. Lory D. White, is spending the week with relatives near Dag.

Tom Greer and Lee McConnell are attending the state convention of the Woodman lodge at Mineral Wells this week.

Leave your laundry at Gunn's drug store, or phone and I will call for and deliver same. All work guaranteed. Linn Mann.

Messrs. Bellah and Wade have returned from a trip to eastern markets where they supplied "The Store For All The People."

Ladies! you are invited to come and see our Chi-Namel lady demonstrate March 22nd and 23rd.

Ford & Thomason.

Attend the Mejestie to-night, better pictures then heretofore.

Mrs. B. F. Stegall and family left this week for Tautotoc, Okla., where they will join Rev. Stegall, who is pastor of the Methodist church there.

Fresh cakes a specialty at the City Bakery—layer cakes, coffee cakes, doughnuts, cinnamon and jelly rolls, and all kinds of small cakes.

W. C. Vastine, the tailor, has a very pretty line of new spring samples. Call and see them.

Meet me at the Majestic to night.

In the contest that has been running for the past several weeks in the K. of P. lodge the forces commanded by Knight Glen Russell have been victorious up to this date.

"Among the Breakers" is the title of the play to be given at the college tomorrow, Saturday night by the junior elocution class. No admission. All invited.

We now have for sale mixed feed put up in 100 pound sacks, at \$1.10 per sack. Best feed on the market. Decatur Cottonseed Oil Co.

Mrs. Will Rush and Miss Floryne Rush of Decatur were guests of the former's brother, A. B. Conley and family part of the week. Bridgeport Index.

Decatur will be visited by the Gulf Coast Carnival Company from Monday, April 10th to 15th. They come with many big attractions and promise daily free amusement to the public. Don't forget the date.

Mrs. J. H. Cates and Mrs. D. J. Moss of Decatur, with their children, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Will Renshaw, Wednesday. Bridgeport Index.

Go to the Majestic to-night.

County Attorney Ratliff is attending justice court at Cottondale this week.

E. T. Hall died at Alvord Sunday and was buried the following Monday by the I. O. O. F. lodge of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Hall had been the pumper for the Denver road at Alvord for several years.

Think it over. Eli and Jane is a magnificent, perfect exhibition of exclusive high class dramatic art, an amusement organization so vast, so grand in conception, so gigantic in appointment, in operation and so admirable as to defy imitation, and silence criticism.

We regret to learn that in repairing fence and stretching wire, Tom Smith, who lives just west of town, was badly cut under one of his arms Monday afternoon, but hope it will not prove at all serious. Boyd Index.

Alta Vista ice cream with strawberry, pineapple and cherry fruits, nuts and chocolate every day at the City Bakery.

Marriage Licenses—G. H. Ware and Miss Dora Vessell; John C. Freeman and Miss Offie Perrin; Jno. Pedigo and Miss Mittie Barnett; A. M. Traister and Miss Willie Weatherly.

Otis Goodger had the misfortune while playing last Thursday and break the same arm a third time in the same place within a year, but being a manly little fellow he doesn't seem to be at all discouraged. Boyd Index.

Are you in the market for pigs or shoats? If so, call at the barn, northwest of town and see my stuff. Guinn Williams.

Supt. Dave Simpson recently delivered a splendid talk to the patrons and pupils of the excellent school taught by Miss Electra Pickett at New South. This is said to be one of the best conducted schools in Wise county.

Rev. J. H. Heathington, the missionary for the Wise County Baptist association, will begin a protracted meeting under a tent on the west side the second Sunday in April. Bridgeport News.

Tuesday morning at 7:15 at his home in Bridgeport, occurred the death of George W. Foster, about ninety years of age. Funeral services were held at the residence that afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which interment took place at the city cemetery. Bridgeport News.

Coming, March 23rd, Eli and Jane. It's a big funny show: the kind you like.

Senator Terrell and family came in from Austin Tuesday night. The senator looks hale and hearty, but says he was glad to get home, among his home people, and enjoy a rest from political turmoil. We are glad to have you back, senator.

The WeDelve club met with Miss Chlotilde Davis Tuesday afternoon. A delightful time is reported by all those attending. Miss Ethel Burgess president of the Itasca Beau Not club was a visitor. A party was given in the evening to the club members by Mrs. R. E. Collins complimentary to Miss Burgess.

T. L. Ball at the postoffice will accept and receipt subscriptions for the Messenger and he is authorized to present to each subscriber of the paper a copy of the great Texas Almanac free of charge with the compliments of the Messenger. This almanac is given with renewals and new subscriptions only. It costs us 30 cents, but goes free to all those who renew or subscribe for the "Pioneer Paper."

Next Monday there will be a very exciting basket ball game at the public school when the State Normal of Denton comes here for the last game of the season with Decatur high. Between 150 and 200 normal students are coming along to boost their team. Decatur people should turn out to root for high school.

Sheriff Sam Faith on the 10th arrested one Will Avery north of town. The gentleman was wanted in Marietta, Ga., in six cases of violating the prohibition law and on the forfeiture of a \$500 bond. Governor Colquitt issued requisition papers for the man, and he was taken back to Georgia Tuesday.

A new road is being opened to the traveling public from Doc Boyd's northeast of town down through the Waggoner ranch, where it intersects another new road leading from the Bolivar road by the Hickory Plains school house. These are valuable additions to the roads of that section of the country and the people will appreciate the work of Fount Ray and the county in building them.

Don't miss seeing Eli and Jane, one of the best shows now on the road, and a clever company made up of singers, dancers, musicians and comedians.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

Notice

All parties interested in, and wishing to take part in the organization of a military company at this place, are invited to be in Decatur on the coming Saturday night, March 18th for the purpose of enrolling.

A special invitation is extended to all former members of the old Decatur Rifles, the one time crack Militia Co., of Texas to be present and enroll.

M. W. (Ike) Read
H. M. (Mont) Foster.

Dr. Tompkins of Dallas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simmons.

Andy Harris received serious injuries yesterday afternoon when he was jerked off a cart. A sudden jump of the horse hitched to the cart threw Mr. Harris to the ground. He fell on his chin, breaking and splintering the jaw bone and knocking out several teeth. The injured man is in a very serious condition.

The news of J. C. Riffe's death at Lone Wolf, Okla., reached here Monday. Mrs. Riffe before her marriage was Miss Lula Kinnebrew and her many friends in Decatur extend sympathy in the sudden death of her husband.

Tribue Carswell, who some months ago left Decatur to accept a position in the legal department of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit railway company, has accepted a position with one of the most prominent law firms in the city New York at a splendid salary.

Tribue is a Decatur product and we are all proud of him. He is a young man of that kind of character that counts big in the affairs of the world and a future of a great promise is open to him.

Mrs. W. R. Fowler died at her home in Decatur last Thursday night about 11 o'clock. She had retired in the best of health, but about eleven o'clock her husband was awakened by his wife's struggle.

Before he could light the lamp, his wife had expired. Heart trouble was thought to have caused the lady's death. The many friends of the family were shocked at the sudden death of this good woman. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, after which the remains were interred in the city cemetery.

Representative Rogers came in from Austin Sunday. He will leave Wednesday for New York to look after his clothing business, and after his return will take up his duties on the road. Mr. Rogers' business affairs have suffered by his absence in attendance on the legislature, and his expenses during the term far exceeded the pay he received from the state, but that is of only passing interest to a man who stands out boldly and fearlessly for the best interests of his people. If he has done his people good, Rogers feels amply repaid for his time.

While a Messenger reporter was sitting out an argument in Judge Allison's court Saturday morning, our attention was directed to the annoyance the attorneys are subjected to by people going in and out to the justice office in the rear of the court room. It is trying on the patience of attorneys arguing a case to have fellows stalking in in pairs and threes, and frequently they do not take pains to step lightly. These fellows seem to think that a court is not a court only when some big attraction is on and a jury is in the box; and a little thing like attorneys arguing for a new trial in some case before the judge and an empty house does not demand the order and decorum of a "sure 'nuff case."

His honor, Judge E. M., will bring these fellows to their senses one of these days by levying a nice, fat fee against them, and he should.

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The best job of plow sharpening in town and the cheapest work ever offered by a first-class mechanic. You can get

Plows sharpened from 5c to 15c. Wagon tongues put in and painted \$2.00. Buggy shafts \$1.00. Cross bars 50c. Horseshoeing 80c. All other lines of work in proportion. I have a large stock of material on hands. I need the money and I am going to close it out and give you the work that it takes to put it out. Now is the time to make money, and when you need a first-class job done at half price, with satisfaction guaranteed, go to

J. D. WHITE
THE BLACKSMITH

Decatur Independent Telephone Co.

We, your committee appointed to audit your books, find after a close investigation, the following:

Dues collected from April, 1910 to March, 1911.....\$1,225 10
Old S. B. work on line toll..... 170 05

Total.....\$1,395 15

Expended by Collins, secretary.....\$ 317 58

Expended by Jones, president..... 1,154 56

Total.....\$1,472 14

Less overdraft for which C. C. Jones has given his personal note.....\$ 103 03

\$1,339 11

Collections.....\$1,395 15

Expenditures, less overdraft..... 1,360 11

Balance.....\$ 20 14

Amount of indebtedness of company is as follows:

Note City National bank.....\$103.55

Ganner & Co..... 7 10

Weston Electric Co..... 40 14

Balance on switch-board—Note American Electric Co..... 92 80

Martin..... 120 00

Ganner & Co..... 13 44

Cash station..... 7 50

Total indebtedness.....\$384 53

R. G. THOMPSON,
T. L. ST. CLAIR,
BUN ATKERSON,
Committee.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—English Berkshire pigs. I have the best blood that money will buy. Heard headed by "Governor the 30th." W. M. Stevenson, Route 5. 10-4tp

WILL have plenty of cabbage and tomato plants for sale; cabbage ready now, tomatoes by April 1st; 25c per 100. F. Roseaburg, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—New rag carpet; white and black woven in squares, striped to match; 50c per yard. Mattie Smith, Independent phone.

FOR SALE—Genuine Rowden cotton seed for sale, 75c per bushel. C. B. Measkey, Decatur, Texas, route 3.

FOR SALE—Fifty acres prairie black land on public road, 1 1-2 mile from church, school and railroad station, for price and terms see Geo. W. Short, Decatur.

I HAVE FOR EXCHANGE for Wise county land: 2 sections well improved Glascock county land. Comes with section that county seat is on. Shallow water country; fine orchard; hog pasture; 100 acres in cultivation; fenced in 3 pastures. There are four sections leased that go with the place if desired. I have been over the place and know it to be as fine as there is in the west. L. D. RATLIFF, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—If you want fine pigs, 8 weeks old, come to J. A. Watson, 6 miles east of Decatur. 10-2tp

Attend the Majestic to-night, pictures and good music.

WHILE WE MAY.

Oh, the regrets we should be spared if we would but show our love while our friends are with us still! When they have gone and our hearts are aching for the sound of voices we shall never hear again we try to comfort ourselves by saying all the sweet and tender things that we withheld from them in days gone by. But of what avail is tenderness when the door is shut and our loved ones gone? Let us spend it on them while we may.

CINNAMON TREE BARK.

It Curls Up Into Quills When Dried in the Sun.

The cinnamon tree grows to a height of from twenty to thirty feet and is sometimes eighteen inches in thickness. The leaves are from four to six inches in length, oval shaped and marked with three principal nerves. They taste very much like cloves. Cinnamon flowers are of a beautiful silky gray on the outside and a light yellow on the inside. The fruit is a small acorn-shaped drupe, and when ripe it is quite brown.

It is, however, the bark of the cinnamon tree that makes it valuable. The finest comes from the island of Ceylon, where they have two seasons of cinnamon harvest. The first season begins in April and the last in November. The branches of three to five years' growth are cut down, and the epidermis is carefully scraped away. Then the bark is ripped up lengthwise with a knife and gradually loosened until it may be easily removed.

The slices of bark are then placed in the sun to dry, and as they dry they curl up into quills. The next thing is to examine and arrange the cinnamon according to its quality. The persons whose work it is to examine the cinnamon are obliged for this purpose to taste and chew it, although in a short time it produces a very painful effect on their mouths and tongues.

As the cinnamon quills are examined the smaller ones are inserted into the larger, and the whole is then tied up in bundles weighing about eighty-eight pounds each.

In Ceylon the oil of cinnamon is usually prepared by grinding the coarsest pieces of bark, soaking this powder in sea water for two or three days and then distilling. Two oils pass over, one lighter, the other heavier, than water.

A LESSON FOR HIS WIFE.

The Husband Found That He, Too, Had Something to Learn.

All Paris is laughing at an adventure on the French frontier line which occurred the other day to a young dramatic author well known in Paris.

He is newly married, and part of the honeymoon was spent in Belgium. While there the bride was very anxious to buy lace, which is much cheaper in Belgium than it is in France. But the bridegroom objected to smuggling the lace through and told his wife at Feignies the customs examination was very severe. She laughed at him, and in the train she said, "I am quite sure that I could easily have smuggled any amount of lace under my dress."

To prove himself right and teach his wife caution for the future the bridegroom whispered to one of the custom house officers at Feignies and, pointing to his wife, who was not looking, said, "I think that lady has some lace."

The officer made a sign, and madame, protesting angrily, was taken off and searched, while the author smoked a cigarette and chuckled at the thought that the search—although he thought she had no lace—would cure her of the wish to smuggle in the future. He ceased chuckling, though, when the custom house officer came up to him and said:

"We are very much obliged to you. The lady had \$200 worth of lace around her waist. But she says you will pay the fine."—Cor. Wichita Eagle.

The Ballot in Switzerland.

Swiss voters go to the polls on Sunday. In some districts the elections are also held for a few hours on Saturday evening. In a few of the cantons voting is obligatory, and returns of from 70 to 80 per cent of the voting population are the result. The obligatory measure is, however, not rigorously enforced. Small fines are imposed unless an adequate excuse for nonattendance is forthcoming. These include illness in the family, mourning, absence from the city, a birth in the family and, in St. Gallen, necessary attendance at a christening by a parent or godparent. "Official business" is also usually accepted.

DARING.

He either fears his fate too much
Or his deserts are small
Who dares not put it to the touch
To gain or lose it all.
—Marquis of Montrose.

LOST JOYS.

We refuse sympathy and intimacy with people as if we waited for some better sympathy and intimacy to come. But whence and where? Tomorrow will be like today. Life wastes itself while we are preparing to live.—Emerson.

Boy Was No "Pig."

He was buying cigars for the bunch in a cafe and was explaining that it was triplets. Every one had been satisfied, and the momentous event was being discussed.

Congratulations mixed with condolences were tendered the happy father when he bethought himself of an attendant circumstance and told it, and then he bought again. It was this:

The small boy of the house had been praying for a little sister. When told that not one, but three, had arrived he knelt and said: "O Lord, I am very thankful, but I'm no pig. Give some one else a chance!"—Boston Record.

Last Words of Famous Men.

Well, so long!—Methuselah.

I have saved my face anyhow.—Man With the Iron Mask.

Here is where I yield up my last spark.—Benjamin Franklin.

Yes; these are my last words.—Noah Webster.

Recwell, you can tell 'em.—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

—Chicago Tribune.

High Finance.

Mose Johnson—Say, Pete, s'pose we gets ketches fer stealin' dese heah turkeys. Does we get jailed?

Pete Persimmons—Suttinly not. Turkeys am so high nowadays dat stealin' a turkey's des like stealin' a railroad!—Puck.

Big Game.

"A penny mouse trap, please. And let me have it quickly, as I want to catch a train!"—London Opinion.

Rubbing It In.

For ten minutes Mr. Stubb had been stumbling around in the darkness looking for the kitchen stove. The air was cold and his temper was hot.

"John, are you still down there?" called Mrs. Smith from the top of the stairway.

"Yes, I'm still here," bellowed John in his most sarcastic vein.

"Dear me! You'd never do as a gunner in the navy."

"Gunner in the navy? Why not?"

"Because you are such a poor range finder."

And then what Mr. Stubb said about ranges in general would fill an encyclopedia.—Chicago News.

Beat the Others by One.

Some little girls were boasting of their respective families. They had passed from clothes to personal appearance and finally came to parental dignity. The minister's little girl boasted:

"Every package that comes for my papa is marked 'D. D.'"

"And every package that comes for my papa is marked 'M. D.'," retorted the daughter of the physician.

Then followed a look of contempt from the youngest of the party. "Huh!" she exclaimed. "Every package that comes to our house has three letters on it, 'C. O. D.'"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Naming No Names.

She—I have an instinctive feeling that I can trust you.

He (earnestly)—Ah, my darling, would that some others felt that way.—Boston Transcript.

Art Values.

Advance Agent (of McBooth-Rantington company)—We'll require twenty suppers for the mob scene in act 3. Manager (Yaptown town hall)—Gee whiz! Can't you git along with less 'n that number?

Advance Agent—Not one less. Manager (sighing)—Well, you're goin' to put an awful crimp in the box office receipts!—Puck.

Would Land Safely.

She spoke severely: "How can you throw yourself at him like that?"

The younger and more beautiful girl smiled.

"But," she argued, "he's such a good catch."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Stick Insect of Borneo.

The longest known insect is undoubtedly the stick insect of Borneo. Specimens thirteen inches in length have been captured. It is an interesting example of mimetic coloring, resembling in a remarkable manner a piece of rough stick. On the bough of a tree it is extremely difficult to distinguish between the insect and the bark.

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Wisdom of Experience.

"Your husband," remarked the intimate friend, "looks like a man who would be easy to get along with."

"Yes," rejoined the bride of six long months, "he's almost as easy to get along with as he is to get along with out."—Chicago News.

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Encouragement.

She—Yes, I love dogs! He—Then I'd like to be a dog. She—Never mind; you'll grow.—Harvard Lampoon.

METEORIC DUST.

An Invisible but Constant Shower of Tiny Hollow Steel Balls.

Meteoritic dust is composed of minute hollow spheres of steel that look under the microscope like leaden shot. They are infinitely finer than grains of sand. Their origin is interesting. Meteors, or shooting stars as they are generally called, have from the beginning of things been bombarding the world at a rate estimated by the highest authority at many thousands an hour. Owing to the earth's protecting envelope of air very few of these missiles reach us. In size meteors vary from a few ounces to many pounds in weight, and it is only very occasionally that one is of sufficient dimensions to survive the passage of 80 to 100 miles through an atmosphere by rearing in density as the earth is approached. The speed at which they enter the atmosphere, calculated at less than thirty-five miles a second, generates such intense heat by friction that the iron of which the meteor principally consists is immediately reduced to an incandescent vapor, which is the luminous train so frequently seen in the heavens on a clear night.

The vapor rapidly cools and condenses in the form of these minute particles, which assume the spherical form, as does shot during its fall from the top of a tower. Finally the little spheres are scattered by the winds and currents in the upper regions and gradually descend in their millions as an invisible but never ending shower. The perfect condition in which the spheres are found is due to the presence of certain noncorrosive elements found by analysis to be present in the metal of meteors which have come to earth.

These little spheres can be found in almost any sample of dust, particles where it has collected in sheltered recesses or hollows, as in the gutter, on the housetop or round the roots of old trees and dry ditches. They may be readily gathered by a magnet and when mounted form an interesting object for the microscope. — Chicago News.

CAGLIOSTRO.

Effect of a Draft of the Notorious Charlatan's Elixir of Life.

Cagliostro, the famous eighteenth century charlatan, was the hero of many strange stories. A great lady who was also, unfortunately for herself, an old one and was unable to resign herself to the fact was reported to have consulted Cagliostro, who gave her a vial of the precious liquid (his "wine of Egypt"), with the strictest injunction to take two drops when the moon entered its last quarter. While waiting for this period to arrive the lady who desired to be rejuvenated shut up the vial in her wardrobe and the better to insure its preservation informed her maid that it was a remedy for the colic.

Fatal precaution! By some mischance on the following night the maid was seized with the very malady of which her mistress had spoken. Remembering the remedy so fortuitously at hand, she got up, opened the wardrobe and emptied the vial at a draft. The next morning she went, as usual, to wait on her mistress, who looked at her in surprise and asked her what she wanted. Thinking the old lady had had a stroke in the night, she said:

"Oh, madam, don't you know me? I am your maid."

"My maid is a woman of fifty," was the reply, "and you?"

But she did not finish the sentence. The woman had caught a glimpse of her face in a mirror. The wine of Egypt had rejuvenated her thirty years!

Cagliostro's valet was as great a rogue as he and posed equally as a mystery monger. "Your master," said a skeptic to him one day, "is taking us all in. Tell me, is it true that he was present at the marriage at Cana?"

"You forget, sir," was the reply, "I have only been in his service a century."

Lisbon's Names.

Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, sometimes claims to have been founded by Ulysses in the course of his wanderings. But, according to the London Chronicle, there is no doubt that Ulyssippo is only a fanciful version of Olisipo, the most ancient name of what was probably at first a Phoenician city. When the Romans absorbed and municipalized Olisipo it became Felicitas Julia, but in the hands of the Moslems it slipped back to Lashuna. Byron's line in "Child Harold," "What beauties does Lisboa first unfold," gives the Portuguese spelling of the name today.

The Time to Bluff.
The only safe time to bluff is when you have the goods. — Detroit Free Press.

PRIZE FOR BOOK LOVERS.

A Copy of "Titus Andronicus" That Is Almost Priceless.

Three hundred and fifteen years ago it is probable that some stranger from Sweden, traveling in England, bought at the door of a London theater—the Rose or the Curtain, perhaps—a small, thin quarto volume. He paid sixpence for it as a memento of his visit to a London playhouse. It was not worth more than that, at least to any one critical of printing or literary art or of morals.

Yet this same little book was not long ago discovered in the house of a countrywoman in Sweden, and today it is almost priceless. Dealers in such treasures have vied with one another to obtain possession of the work.

This sixpenny quarto, hidden in Sweden for 300 years, is the only copy known to exist of the first edition of the play of "Titus Andronicus," printed in 1594. Students were long aware that the play was then printed, but it was believed that the entire edition had been lost. Then the chance discovery added one more to the small number of unique books in the world again illustrated the importance attaching to any smallest bit of Shakespeareana.

"Titus Andronicus" was possibly not by Shakespeare, but it was doubtless revised by him. It was acted by his company, and a few lines in it were written by him. Because of this slender connection with one of the greatest geniuses the world has known this single play has a value that makes it a coveted prize for book lovers the world over. — New York Tribune.

Hawaiian Mahogany For Ties.

E. O. Faulkner, head of the forestry department of the Santa Fe, recently returned from Honolulu, where he went to sign a contract for the entire output of ohia ties of the Hawaiian Islands. Ohia is the heaviest wood known and is also one of the hardest. It is a species of mahogany, very knotty and unsplitable. Experiments have demonstrated that it is affected but little by the continuous pounding of heavy rolling stock and for that reason it is being used in curves, where strength and durability are of the greatest importance and cost is a matter of secondary consideration. — Los Angeles Express.

In the Same Boat.

Representative Harry Maynard of Virginia was riding in one of the capitol elevators when he noticed that the elevator man was tipsy.

"You ought not to drink when you are on duty," remonstrated Maynard. "You might have some terrible accident running a car when you're not in full command of your faculties. You might kill a lot of statesmen."

"Humph," replied the elevator man. "Ain't I taking as long chances as they are?" — Washington Star.

A Suspicion.

"Is this your first visit to Salt Lake City?"

"No; I was here five years ago."

"I suppose you notice a good many changes?"

"Yes, quite a lot, but I think I had the same steak for breakfast this morning that I sent back when I was here before." — Chicago Record-Herald.

Served Him Right.

The ship was sinking. A great panic was imminent. "What shall we do?" cried the terrified passengers.

"Send for the barber," remarked the professional humorist. "He's the only man on board who can razor."

With justifiable rage they hurled him into the angry waves. — Philadelphia Record.

The Stay at Home.

Park Keeper—Now, then, come on. It's 6 o'clock, and I'm going to close the park gate.

Tramp—Right O, gov'nor! I ain't goin' out tonight, so please close the gate quietly. — London Sphere.

A Truant Tragedian.

"De Ranter claims to be an actor of the old school."

"His work makes me think he must have played truant most of the time." — Judge.

A Rule.

Him—I hear that you turn all your suitors down. Is it true?

Her—Present company always accepted, you know. — Toledo Blade.

SELF DENIAL.

Use your money as you see fit, but always remember that the highest service we can render to our Maker is to help others who are less fortunate. It may take some self denial to do this, but what good can be accomplished without self denial? — John D. Rockefeller.

No. 2940

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First National Bank

Decatur, Texas.

At the close of business, March 7th 1911

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	194,207 71
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	27,033 02
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	50,000 00
Bills of Exchange.....	20,265 24
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	5,500 00
Other real estate owned.....	950 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents).....	2,439 90
Due from state and private banks and bankers trust companies and savings banks.....	9,961 47
Due from approved reserve agents.....	24,205 50
Checks and other cash items.....	244 35
Notes of other national banks.....	500 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	365 14
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$10,391 70
Legal-tender Notes 3,935 00	14,326 70
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent. circulation).....	2,000 00
Total.....	\$351,999 03

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	50,000 00
Surplus fund.....	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	6,087 66
National bank notes outstanding.....	48,250 00
Due to other National Banks.....	536 97
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	91 85
Individual deposits subject to check.....	197,032 55
Total.....	\$351,999 03

State of Texas, County of Wise, — I, W. L. RUSH, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. RUSH, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March 1911.

R. L. THOMPSON, Notary Public.
Correct attest: SAM BELLAH,
GUINN WILLIAMS
T. B. YARBROUGH
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First State Bank

SLIDELL, TEXAS.

At the close of business, March 7, 1911

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$32,037.05
Overdrafts.....	1,427.85
Real estate (banking house).....	686.55
Other real estate.....	1,590.80
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net.....	\$1,665.42 1,665.42
Cash items.....	\$ 72.79
Currency.....	\$3,447.00
Specie.....	\$ 359.01 3,878.80
Other Resources as follows:	235.98
TOTAL.....	\$41,528.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$10,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	250.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	1,586.57
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	29,661.19
Cashier's Checks.....	30.69
TOTAL.....	\$41,528.45

State of Texas, County of Wise, — We, T. S. Atcheson as president, and L. M. Atcheson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

L. S. ATCHESON, President.
L. M. ATCHESON, Cashier.
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New Spring Skirts

A big lot of our spring skirts are in and on display, and lots of them are still to come. Without doubt the new spring models are the snappiest and most chic we have ever shown. The reasonableness in price is a feature throughout.

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Our new line of Duttonhoffer slippers and pumps for ladies have just arrived and we confidently believe that they are the prettiest lasts and styles we have ever shown. The two and three strap pumps will have the greatest popularity this season and we are sure that our showing includes the newest and best styles to be had. Patent leather with suede and vicis following.

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